

CaBIG-DSIC Liaison Reports 6/10/2004

Training: Ed Quick (OHSU)

The most recent Training WG meeting took place on June 2. Three Special Interest Groups (SIGs) for Developers, Adopters, and Communication. The group discussed contract matters and began the process of evaluating caBIG webcast capabilities and conferencing options. The Training WG has delayed its face-to-face meeting originally scheduled in June pending negotiation of contracts. The NCI's Center for Strategic Dissemination is in the process of developing a needs assessment for caBIG Cancer Centers regarding training materials. The Adopter SIG raised the idea of partnering with commercial groups to develop training materials, and will further explore this option.

Strategic Planning: Michael Becich (Pittsburgh)

The Strategic Plan WG is in the process of developing three major recommendations, which will:

- (1) request that the Architecture Workspace draft a document articulating the principles underlying the caBIG initiative asap;
- (2) request that the Vocabulary Workspace develop and rationalize Common Data Element libraries so that collaborative work can begin; and.
- (3) assemble a subcommittee of the Strategic Planning WG to identify a list of potential pitfalls ("Gotcha's") for caBIG. The list of "Gotcha's" will include political, sociological, and technical issues, such as intellectual property restrictions and management of expectations that must be identified early on to avoid the derailment of caBIG. The issues will be assigned to specific groups with immediate expertise but other Workspaces and Working Groups will be asked to weigh in as required.

These recommendations will be shared with other WS and WG members for comment and action.

Integrative Cancer Research: Terry Braun (University of Iowa – Holden)

There were two presentations during the last ICR meeting, so there was not much time for discussion. The first presentation concerned the development and use of Common Data Elements (CDE); the second presentation provided an overview of the caBIG CDE Development Governance Model.

Tissue Banks and Pathology Tools Workspace: Mark Watson (Washington University - Siteman)

The TBPT WS is developing a system to gather information from adopters with the goal of capturing institutional workflow for pathology laboratories. The Requirements Specification Survey was distributed to all TBPT WS participants, completed surveys were due by Friday, June 11.